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1. Towada City: Official Site Visit

As Towada City have made application to Certifying Center for Safe Community in Asian Region for becoming a member of international Safe Community on last January, they got official site visit on 26th – 27th March. Prof. Joon Pil Cho (Chair, Certifying Center for Safe Community in Asian Region, Center for Injury Prevention and Community Safety Promotion Ajou University School of Medicine, Suwon, Korea), Prof. Shumei Wan (School of Public Health, Fudan University, Shanghai, China) were invited to be examined their activities.

Regarding official site-visit, it takes about 2days. At first outline of their community and activities is explained, after that, examiners visit on sites of activity and ask a member of working group a state of their activity. Through these visits on site examiner grasp a state of community, make sure that activities cover 6 indicators or not.

Itinerary of site-visit in Towada is flowing

1. A meeting with Mayor
2. Presentation about Towada Safe Community
3. Site-Visit
 - Radio Network System for natural disaster prevention
 - Rescue squad
 - Exercise for elderly fall prevention
 - Oral training for elderly health
 - Guidance of fall prevention inside house
 - Story told with picture about depression prevention by volunteer group
 - Road safety
 - Injury prevention in the playground
 - Spreading a fire alarm
 - Safety Map in school district

4. Meeting

At the meeting after site-visit for 2 days, Towada was thought highly of their activities as well as Safe Community, and gotten advice that it is important injury surveillance, evaluation, putting full-time staff in position, to continue activities.



Radio Network System for natural disaster prevention



Guidance of fall prevention inside house



Story told with picture about depression prevention by volunteer group



playground safety



Spreading a fire alarm



SC slogan contest

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2. Site Visit to International Safe Schools in Taiwan

A group of Prof. Daisuke Fujita from Osaka Kyoiku University, Mr. Hiroshi Ishizuki and Mr. Taka Kuramochi from Atsugi City, and Dr. Yoko Shiraishi, SC coordinator visited to International Safe Schools (ISS) in Taiwan during March 17- 21, 2009. They visited 5 ISS designated schools including one university, one junior high school and three elementary schools and one International Safe Community (ISC), Neihu district in Taipei City.

For the last several years, Taiwan has become very dynamic about “Safe School” movement as well as movement of “Safe Community”. At the present, there are 15 schools which are officially designated as ISS. The framework of ISS is almost the same as the one of ISC but consists of 7 criteria while ISC has 6 criteria. The indicator which is unique in ISS is “Safe School policies decided by the School Board representative and the Community Council in a Safe Community setting”

The site visit in Taiwan provides the group with wonderful opportunities to learn about various approaches for safety promotion from a small aboriginal school in a country side to big schools in an urban area. All schools are in difference condition in terms of the size of school, the social condition problems they confronted to and so on. But their activities had much in common in the approaches; collaboration with various actors in the community and applying scientific evidence.

At the end of the trip, the group visited to one of the most active ISC in Taiwan, Neihu district in Taipei City. It has been actively improving community safety since its designation as ISC in 2005. They have set up the steering committee as non profit organization and a business person is taking the role of the president. The office is located close to the Mayor’s Office in the district



Banner for public relation of bicycle license



Neihu district in Taipei City

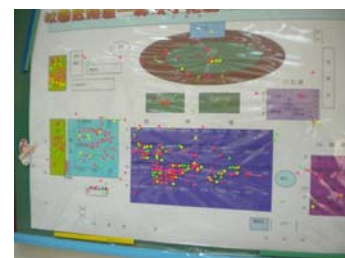
administrative office. For the visitors from Japan, members of Safe Community project kindly gathered and introduced their activities.

This study tour was not long enough to learn all about Safe Community and Safe School in Taiwan. But the group learned important essence such as collaboration among relevant actors in the communities.

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Safe School Guide Map



Plotting the point child got injury on a school map



Setting up environment for prevention of slip on water

Information

The 3rd Japanese Society of Safety Promotion Conference
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